

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain pending herein. Claims 10 and 12 have been amended hereby.

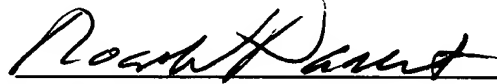
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

10. (Amended) A control network system of an appliance according to [any one of Claims 1 to 9] Claim 1,

wherein an operation of at least one of said plurality of appliances connected through the network can be directly controlled by a user with a common remote controller; and

said controller or said means of controlling a linked operation is provided for said remote controller.

12. (Amended) A control network system of an appliance according to [any one of Claims 1 to 9] Claim 1, wherein a remote controller of at least one of said plurality of appliances connected through the network comprises a means of displaying a warning of a disorder when the disorder is caused such that at least one of a total electric power consumption and a electric current of the plurality of appliances surpasses a limited value due to an operation of another appliance by a user.